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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ANAN

1. AMBASSADOR ANAN HAD AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB AUGUST 26. AMONG THE TOPICS RAISED WERE THAILAND'S IMPROVING FOREIGN INVEST-MENT OUTLOOK; ANAN'S OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE FUTURE OF THE KHUKRIT GOVERNMENT, (ANAN BELIEVES, HOWEVER, KHUKRI MAY CALL FOR NEW ELECTIONS WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS TO STRENGTHEN HIS PARLIAMENTARY BASE); FORTHCOMING VISITS OF FINANCE MINISTER BUNCHU AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI: AND FUTURE OF SEATO.

2. ANAN NOTED HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT WASHINGTON WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES TO EXPAND HIS CONTACTS WITH THE USG. HABIB AGREED THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA AND OFFERED THE DEPARTMENT'S GOOD OFFICES IN SEEKING TO FACILITATE CHATCHAI'S MEETING WITH INFLUENTIAL LEGISLATORS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. WE ARE ALSO SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR VISIT BY FINANCE MINISTER WITH MARSHALL MAYS OF OPIC.

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3. IN DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO SEATO ANAN AFFIRMED THAI POSITION WAS TO WORK FOR THE GRADUAL DISSOLUTION OF THE

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ORGANIZATION OVER THE NEXT TWO-THREE YEARS BUT DID NOT DESIRE TO ABROGATE THE MANILA TREATY. HABIB REITERATED THE US POLICY WAS TO ABIDE BY MEMBERS' DECISION BUT THAT WE WOULD NOT ABROGATE OUR COMMITMENTS.

4. ANAN SUBSEQUENTLY NOTED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICER HE DID NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO BANGKOK UNTIL MIDDLE OF OCTOBER AND NEW THAI AMBASSADOR, PROBABLY WOULD NOT ARRIVE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. INGERSOLL

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